

REMARKS

Claims 1-37, 40-52 and 54 remain in this application. Claims 38, 39, and 53 are cancelled. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and review of the application in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

At the outset, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-37, 44-52 and 54, and the indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 40. Applicants have now amended Claim 40 to independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have also amended Claims 41 and 43 to depend on Claim 40.

The Examiner rejected Claims 38, 39 and 41-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Young et al. In view of the cancellation of Claims 38-39, and the amendment of Claims 41, 43 to depend on Claim 40, this ground of rejection is now considered moot.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all remaining claims (i.e., Claims 1-37, 40-52 and 54) are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested, and a timely Notice of Allowability is solicited. If it would be helpful to placing this application in condition for allowance, Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel and conduct a telephonic interview.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$100. for the later presentation of one independent claim in excess of three, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(h) and any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

Respectfully submitted,



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